



Lynchburg's Rolling Out a New Trash System!



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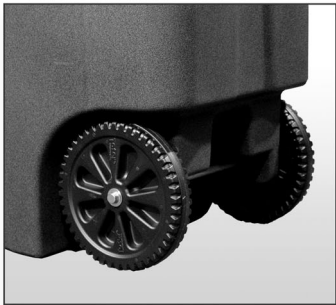
Lynchburg's getting ready to roll out a new trash collection system.

Beginning October 1, 2003, Lynchburg will roll out its new trash collection system. There will be several changes to Lynchburg's trash collection system. The most noticeable change will be the move to semi-automated collection. Semi-automated collection uses refuse trucks with mechanical lifters to pick up the new trash carts and empty the contents into the truck.

Lynchburg is one of the last cities in Virginia to change to this type of collection. But that's not the reason for the change. Manual collection takes a physical toll on the men and women who collect our trash. Physical injury caused by repetitive lifting of heavy loads is more likely to happen with manual collection and Waste Management's Workmen's Compensation claims have soared in recent years, and in the end, this cost taxpayers. It is difficult to hire and retain individuals who are willing to do this type of work. Semi-automated collection will go a long way to solve these problems. It will also leave our neighborhoods cleaner because animals and vermin won't be able to get into trash containers.

We need your assistance. In order to begin semi-automated collection, the City will provide each household and multi-family complex with units of four or less, with a trash cart. Residents will receive one cart at no cost and may choose between a 32-gallon cart and a 64-gallon cart, depending upon their disposal needs. Additional carts may also be purchased.

In about two weeks, households and businesses will receive a mailing about the new trash collection system. A portion of the mailing includes a postage-paid return card. Residents should indicate their cart choice and drop the card in the mail. By returning the card by July 11, 2003, you also have the opportunity to participate in a drawing to receive one of many great prizes. This is the City's way of thanking you for your participation. Local restaurants, stores, and merchants have donated all the prizes.



What Else is New for the Trash System?

- **Changes in collection routes/days will affect some residents.** It is necessary to change a few residents' day of trash collection in order to balance the workload for the refuse collectors. You will be notified in September if your day of collection will be changing.
- **Amount of trash allowed for free trips to landfill.** The amount of trash residents can deliver to the landfill will be reduced to 250 pounds per calendar month beginning July 1, 2003.
- **Unlimited amounts of bulk/brush items that have been segregated from trash may be taken to the landfill free of charge.** Bulk items include but are not limited to large items such as old furniture, kitchen appliances, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, TVs, microwaves, lawn mowers, etc.
- **\$0.45 trash tag eliminated.** Residents need to use any existing \$0.45 tags prior to October 1, 2003.

Need Help Locating Property Information?

Don't forget that you can access property information on the internet by using the City's *GIS (Geographic Information System)*, *WebMap*. Through *WebMap*, you can find information on:

- Sales/Assessment Data
- Current & Former Property Owners
- Building & Improvement Data
- Property Address
- Parcel ID
- Acreage



You'll also find information on the City street system, zoning, sewer system, historic districts, and much more.

Log on to www.lynchburgva.gov to start using *WebMap*.

General Reassessment

The City Assessor's Office is currently working on a general reassessment of property that will be effective **July 1, 2003**. Notices will be mailed out around August 1, 2003 to those property owners whose assessment values change. Please contact the Assessor's Office at (434) 847-1510 or visit our website at www.lynchburgva.gov/Assessor if you have any questions.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day!

For All
Lynchburg
Residents



**Saturday, June 14
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Waste Management Facility
(Landfill) on Concord Turnpike**

**Other HHW Collection Dates for 2003:
August 9 & October 11**

PLEASE NOTE: You must bring photo identification! Bring household hazardous items in non-returnable containers! Remember, this collection does not count as your one free trip per month to the landfill.

What is a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day?

A household hazardous waste collection day is an opportunity for citizens to properly dispose of material which should not be put in landfills (due to their toxicity or potential for pollution of ground water).

What CAN you bring to the collection site?

Acids/Bases
Aerosols
Antifreeze
Auto starter
Brake Fluids
Batteries
Cleaners
Corrosives
Drain Openers
Flammables
Furniture Stripper
Herbicides
Kerosene
Lighter Fluids
Oven Cleaners
Oxidizers
Oil Base Paint
Pesticides
Photo Chemicals
Polishes
Pool Chemicals
Poisons
Solvents
Thinners
Used Motor Oil
Weed Killers
Wood Preservatives

What NOT to bring to the collection site!

Agent Orange
Ammunition
Dioxin
Explosives
Garbage
Gas Cylinders
Kepone
Latex Paint
Liquified Asbestos
Medical Waste
Oil Tanks
Pathological Waste
55 Gallon Drums of Anything!
PCBs
PROWL
Prozine
Radioactives (i.e., smoke detectors)
Recyclables
Silvex
Stomp
TCDD

Utility Billing Highlights

Effective **July 1, 2003**, Lynchburg's Utility Billing Office will no longer make adjustments to customer accounts for toilet leaks. Adjustments will, however, be made for service line leaks on the customer's side of the meter.



In order to be considered for a service line leak adjustment, residential customers must have twelve months of account history, present receipts or written documentation of service line repairs, and have a reduction in water consumption in the month following the repair. Commercial, industrial, apartments, and all other accounts must have a monthly consumption of water that is at least fifty percent greater than the twelve month average for the high usage month.

Please call the Utility Billings Office at 847-1470 if you have questions about leak adjustments.

Not sure if your toilet is leaking?

Visit one of the local hardware or building supply stores, or the City of Lynchburg's Billings and Collections office for free dye tablets that can be placed in your toilet tank. Just drop the dye tablets in your tank, wait a few minutes, and if the water in the bowl changes color, you probably have a leak. Replacing the flush valve located in the toilet tank can often repair the leak. If your toilet is an older one, it might be difficult to find replacement parts and the toilet may need to be replaced.

TRASH TAGS AND ANNUAL DECALS

Trash tags and annual decals have been retained as part of the collection system. The cost of tags and decals has not increased. However, a new tag and decal will be available for the larger 64-gallon cart. See price information below.

Decal

**32-gallon trash cart \$40.00
64-gallon trash cart \$80.00**

How to purchase a decal or tag?

Trash decals may be purchased at City Hall at 900 Church Street at the Billings and Collections window or by calling 847-1470. Trash tags may also be purchased at Billings and Collections, however, many residents choose to purchase trash tags at many of the local grocery stores and other retail outlets throughout the City.



Tag

**32-gallon trash cart \$0.95
64-gallon trash cart \$1.90**